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## STATE OF MICHIGAN

## **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**



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June 12, 2007

TO:

Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION:

**Natural Resources Commission** 

Transaction:

Purchase of Tax-Reverted Land under Act 123, P.A. 1999

State Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition

Thornapple River Boating Access Site 08-35 – Barry County

Land Transaction Case #20070136

Purchase:

0.34-acre - To be purchased from Barry County in the amount of \$4,800.00

as provided by statute. 2006 SEV \$2,400.00.

Description:

Barry County, Castelton Township, T03N, R07W, Section 28.

Commencing 400 feet Southwesterly N ½ post, thence South 69° 30" W 100 feet, thence South 15 rods, thence North 69° 30" E 100 feet, thence 15

rods to the Point of Beginning.

Authority:

Act 123, P.A. 1999, amended Act 206, P.A. 1893, and Section 211.131 of

the General Property Tax Act.

Notice:

This item will appear on the Department's July 2, 2007 Calendar and is

eligible for approval on July 9, 2007.

Comments:

The Department is proposing to acquire this parcel under Authority of Act 123, P.A. of 1999. Prior to 1999, the Department had the authority to retain tax-reverted parcels at no cost for natural resources and recreational purposes. Act 123, P.A. of 1999, now grants the Department the first right of refusal to acquire tax-reverted properties by paying fair market value or minimum bid, whichever is greater. This first right of refusal applies to all lands that have been foreclosed upon either by the local county or the State

of Michigan under Act 123.

This parcel will provide public boating and fishing access to a segment of the Thornapple River and the eastern edge of Thornapple Lake which currently has little access. This site is located 2.5 miles west of Nashville,

Michigan.

Recommendations:

(1) That this parcel be approved for purchase with payment to be made from funds appropriated for the Michigan State Waterways Fund for land acquisition, as approved in Act 193, Public Acts of 2003.

(2) That this parcel be administered by the Parks and Recreation Division as a Boating Access Site.

David E. Freed, Chief Land and Facilities

Kelley D. Smith, Chief Fisheries

Ronald A Olson, Chief Parks and Recreation

Arminda S. Koch Resource Management Deputy

Dennis R. Fedewa Chief Deputy

I approve the staff recommendations.

Rebecca A. Humphries Director

Date Approved

## PURCHASE OF TAX-REVERTED LAND UNDER ACT 123, P.A. 1999 State Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition Thornapple River Boating Access Site 08-35 - Barry County Land Transaction Case #20070136

